

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

State Dept. review completed

FROM:

GENERAL ALEXANDER HAIG

SUBJECT:

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS  
APPLY

Total Number of TOP SECRET  
Clearances Currently Held

As part of the general review of classification procedures, you directed that the heads of all departments and agencies report the total number of personnel they have cleared for TOP SECRET information including regular government employees, consultants and employees of firms doing contract work for the government.

This is not a catalogue of people with access to TOP SECRET information. It is a list of people whose employment qualifications include the fact that they have been determined to be able to have access to TOP SECRET information if their official duties so require.

A total of 48 departments, agencies and other offices reported having one or more personnel with TOP SECRET clearances. Those 48 at present have a grand total of 760,504 people cleared for TOP SECRET. That total includes regular employees as well as those outside the government.

Of the total:

-- 656,675 are regular employees of the Government;

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-- 1,425 are consultants, and

-- 102,424 are employees of firms having contracts with the Government.

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Director Helms has reminded me that the CIA report, in effect, provides the total number of CIA employees, a carefully guarded bit of information. With that in mind, this report is being provided to you alone.

At Tab A is a list of all reporting departments and agencies with the total number of TOP SECRET cleared personnel each has, broken down according to whether they are regular employees, consultants or employees of contract firms.

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